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In addition to closure of the 60-bed hospital at WSSH as a hospital care facility under Medicare, the area is now licensed as a skilled nursing care facility. Also, the new colleges and Unit VI (non-ambulatory) have been licensed as Intermediate Care facilities. These classifications are continuing recognition of the improving care and treatment at WSSH.

The Summer Day Camp is now "open for business." Classes began at the site July 3, after the Recreation Department elected Trails, erected a bridge, prepared five sites, and installed chemical toilets. Nearly all of the Recreation Department classes will have some experience at the Day Camp, which will be evaluated later this month by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, which supplied a grant for development.

Patient populations at WSSH is currently 400, 50 movements "ahead" of the projected July 1 population of 350. The declining population indicates that community services are assuming more responsibility and delivering greater quality of care. The reduced population means better care at WSSH, and better care means shorter periods of institutionalization.

(This is the last monthly issue of the Newsletter. Future issues will be on a quarterly basis, with the first issue in October. We hope the change will allow more in-depth treatment of [illegible] programs at WSSH! Ed.)

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